

The Examiner has asked Applicants to elect a single invention from the following:

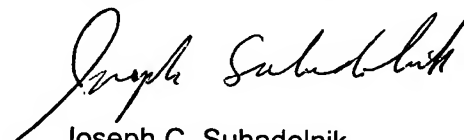
Group I - Claims 1-12, drawn to a process for preparing salts, and

Group II - Claim 13-20, to salts of cationic compounds, and a method of dyeing therewith.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to a process for preparing salts.

Consideration of the elected claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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